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Downtown Facility Will Include Parking, Stores, Centro Bus Transfer Station

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced that the City of Utica will receive a \$1.3 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to construct a state-of-the-art multi-modal transportation center in downtown Utica.

"I am pleased that this grant award has come to the City of Utica for such a vital project to help build a great transportation facility in downtown Utica," **Arcuri said**, "This multi-modal center will provide residents of the entire Mohawk Valley with better access to downtown Utica for shopping, travel and public parking. I look forward to the development of this center and offer my continued support to this project in the future."

These funds are part of a \$5 million earmark secured for the project in 2005 through the last Surface Transportation Authorization (Highway Bill) by then-Congressman Boehlert. The City of Utica is required to submit an application and comply with FTA guidelines before funds are released. The City previously received a FTA grant for this project in the amount of \$1.2 million, bringing total federal funding awarded for this project to \$3.55 million.

The proposed project includes the construction of a transfer facility primarily for Centro, the operator of the City of Utica's transit service. The project includes a center island platform with benches and appropriate signage to indicate bus routes. In addition, enclosed space will be constructed overlooking the transfer facility for Centro offices, passenger waiting, ticket/transfer sales and public restrooms. Above the transfer hub, the project calls for the construction of a 300-space parking garage.

Construction anticipated to begin next spring and be complete by summer 2012.

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